

Application Serial No. 10/562,935
Response to Office Action dated March 30, 2011

PATENT
Docket: CU-4618

REMARKS

At the issuance of the Office Action, claims 29 and 32-39 are rejected and claims 7-28 and 30 are withdrawn from consideration. The Applicant asserts that the rejections are overcome by amendment or are traversed by the remarks below. No new matter has been added by way of the amendment.

In the Claims, please amend claim 29. No new matter has been added. The amendments to the claims can be viewed in the Amendments section of this paper in the Listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Claims 29 and 32-39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Plouvier et al. (U.S. 2004/0127413) in view of Cynober et al. (J. Trauma, vol. 24, no. 7, Abstract 1984).

The Applicant respectfully disagrees and asserts that the claims are non-obvious and allowable. Claim 29 has been amended to remove ornithine, arginine, or glutamine. Moreover, as the Examiner clearly states on page 2 of the office action, AKG appears to be free of the art. The Applicant submits that the claimed chitosan-AKG, and mono- and di-metal salts of AKG, are also free of the art and are not disclosed or suggested by the combination of references.

The Applicant submits, therefore, that all of the elements of the claims are not taught, suggested or disclosed by the references in whole or in combination, and therefore, independent claim 29 and the claims depending therefrom are non-obvious and allowable. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw this ground of rejection.

The Applicant believes that this response is responsive to all points raised in the Office Action dated March 30, 2011. The Applicant respectfully contends that all conditions of patentability are met in the pending claims and requests that the amendments be entered into the record. The Applicant respectfully submits that this

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Application should be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,



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